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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Representative Carroll D. Kearns (R., Pa.)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. Representative Carroll D. Kearns (R., Pa.) had attempted to reach you and talked briefly with [redacted] After she advised me of the call, I talked further with the Congressman. 25X1

3. Obviously he was pleased with your letter of 6 October thanking him for his remarks about the Agency in the Erie Times of 11 September 1958. He spoke very forcibly of his belief that intelligence is the front line of defense and that the billions we spend for defense would be useless were it not for a good intelligence system which we do have.

4. Mr. Kearns stated that in view of his feeling on intelligence he planned to travel to Europe for about a month in the middle of November. He mentioned West Germany, England, Madrid, possibly Rome and then added he might even go into East Germany. (His trip is under U. S. Air Force sponsorship and he will be accompanied by an escort officer.) Mr. Kearns stated that in order to assist him in presenting his story as he saw it when he returned, he wished to take with him a newspaperman. The man was described as the Associated Press man for Pennsylvania named John Koenig, Jr. Mr. Kearns stated that the Department of Defense was sponsoring his trip but he needed assistance in sponsoring Koenig's trip. Koenig was taking a month's leave of absence from the Associated Press. Mr. Kearns requested that the Agency consider supplying the necessary funds for the travel expenses of Koenig and that no salary would

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be involved. I thanked Mr. Kearns for his interest and stated that in accordance with his request the matter would be taken up with the Director of Central Intelligence.

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5. Mr. Kearns's two committees are Education and Labor and the District of Columbia. His district includes Erie County and he has



6. It is difficult to determine any legitimate basis for the Agency spending funds in these circumstances and I recommend that Mr. Kearns be advised in a courteous fashion that we are unable to assist in this matter. I would propose to include in my discussion with him reference to the consistent policy of the Director of Central Intelligence that the press is not utilized in any way by intelligence as agents citing the question on this point included in the interview reported in the U. S. News & World Report of 19 March 1954. In view of that policy, Mr. Kearns would be advised that the Agency wished to avoid any actions that could result in a charge of so utilizing the press, even though the facts were actually otherwise.

SIGNED

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Legislative Counsel

The recommendation in
paragraph 6 is approved.

Signed

10 OCT 1958

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Director

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